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## **Update On Suspicious Death Of Fetuses**

San Diego – On April 18, 2019, the San Diego Police Department received notification of a human fetus that was discovered in a treatment plant located on Harbor Drive. Due to the nature of the investigation, the San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit responded to conduct the investigation. It was later discovered the remains were those of twins.

After further investigation, it has been determined that the fetuses were not of a viable stage of development, therefore there is no criminal investigation warranted. The investigators are still concerned the mother could be in need of medical attention. This is obviously a very difficult time and the investigators hope these developments will give the mother the confidence to seek whatever medical or emotional assistance she may need.

Incidents like these are thankfully rare, but none the less tragic for everyone involved. The San Diego Police Department would like to remind everyone of the Safe Surrender Law, which allows for the anonymous surrender of a newborn to any emergency room or fire station to avoid babies from being hurt or killed due to abandonment. More information can be found on the City of San Diego Website. It is not known at this time if the Safe Surrender Program would have prevented the death of the fetuses discovered today, but it is obviously an opportunity to remind people of this life-saving program.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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